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SUBJ: CDU CHAIRMAN KOHL'S REFERENCE TO BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR DEAL

1. IN A SPEECH TO AN INVITED ONLY AUDIENCE OF ABOUT
300 MEMBERS OF HESSIAN ECONOMIC FORUM IN FRANKFURT ON
MARCH 11 KOHL TWICE REFERRED BRIEFLY TO THE GERMAN
NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL.

A) HIS INITIAL MENTION OF THE BRAZILIAN DEAL CAME
WHEN KOHL DISCUSSING THE ROLE OF THE OPPOSITION LISTED
ENERGY POLICY AS THE FIRST ITEM ON WHICH HE ADVOCATED
A COMMON POLICY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CDU/CSU
OPPOSITION, CONCLUDING HIS REMARKS BY SAYING--WHILE
LOOKING AT ME--AND THIS SHOULD APPLY ALSO TO SUCH MATTERS
AS THE BRAZILIAN BUSINESS. (KOHL INCIDENTALLY ALSO
LISTED BERLIN AS A SUBJECT ON WHICH HE THOUGHT THERE
SHOULD BE A COMMON POLICY BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND
OPPOSITION. SEE PARA 15 OF BONN 4456.)

B) TOWARD END OF HIS SPEECH KOHL BRIEFLY COVERED
FOREIGN POLICY LISTING AS FIRST ITEM THE NEED FOR
GERMANS TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
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UNITED STATES WHERE IN KOHL'S WORDS A NEW
ADMINISTRATION WITH SOME NEW DIRECTIONS IS IN
CHARGE AND ADDING QUOTE I HAVE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED
THE BRAZILIAN MATTER UNQUOTE.

2. TO ESTABLISH THE CONTEXT IT SHOULD BE NOTED
THAT THE AFFAIR WHICH FEATURED KOHL AND WALTER

WALLMANN ALTHOUGH THEORETICALLY ON POLITICALLY
NEUTRAL GROUND WAS DESIGNED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE
TO HELP WALLMANN WHO ALSO SPOKE IN HIS EFFORTS TO
BREAK THE SPD MAJORITY IN FRANKFURT IN THE HESSIAN
COMMUNAL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 20. KOHL WAS IN EXCELLENT
FORM AND CLEARLY BUOYED BY HIS SUCCESS AT THE
DUESSELDORF CDU CONVENTION (BONN 04297). LEHMANN

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